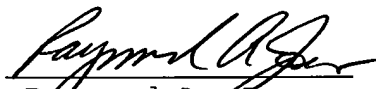


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : RAYMOND A. JOAO

SERIAL NO.: 09/737,348

FILED : DECEMBER 15, 2000

FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND/OR FOR  
PROVIDING HEALTHCARE INFORMATION AND/OR  
HEALTHCARE-RELATED INFORMATION

EXAMINER : V. KOPPIKAR

GROUP : 3626

Mail Stop Amendment  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office  
Action in response to the Office Action, mailed October 12, 2004,  
wherein the Examiner objected to Claims 1-2 for formal reasons,

and further wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-20 in view of prior art references.

A Petition For Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. A Credit Card Payment Form for \$60.00 for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, is submitted herewith. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is also submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests a One-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action, mailed October 12, 2004.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: